

CANALS PROGRAM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2004

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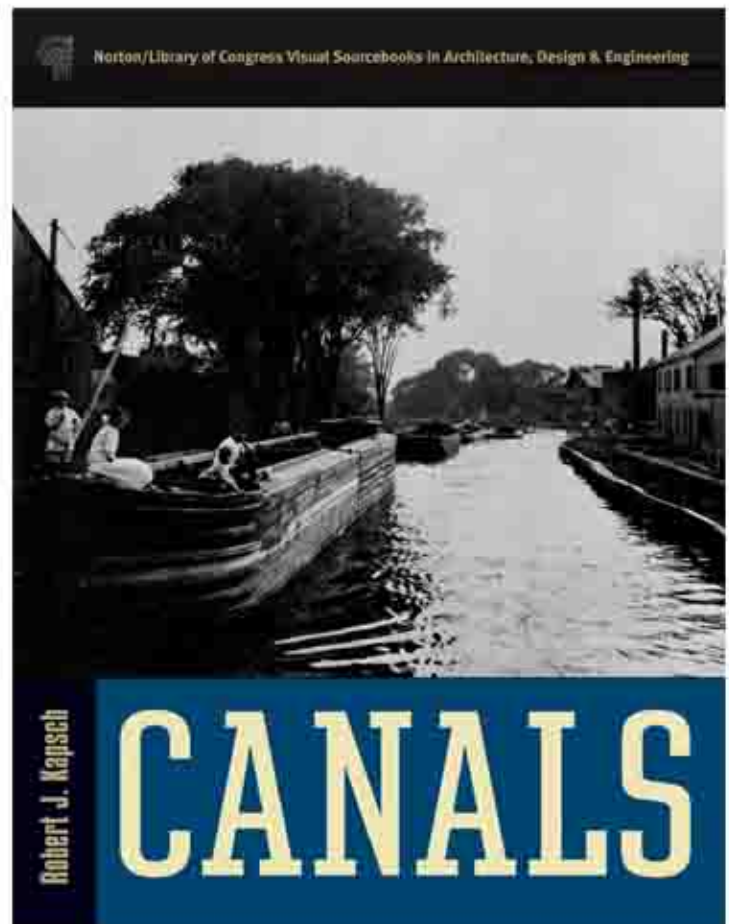
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Reception, book signing, and
historic American canal music

Dr. Robert J. Kapsch, National Park Service Senior Scholar in Historic Architecture and Engineering, will give a presentation about CANALS



The Library of Congress and W.W. Norton & Company will introduce the most recent volume in the Norton/Library of Congress Visual Sourcebooks in Architecture, Design and Engineering series at a program celebrating CANALS.



By 1835 more than three dozen canals constituted a 2,500-mile system stretching from New England to the south and from the East Coast to the Midwest. CANALS provides a richly illustrated history of America's first transportation network with over 800 illustrations from the vast holdings of the Library of Congress. The book describes the heyday of American canals, their development, and the varied structures they engendered, from locks and lockhouses to aqueducts, bridges, dams, and tunnels, as well as canal construction and engineering, life on and alongside canals, and the fascinating machinery of canal operation.

The program is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Library's Center for Architecture, Design and Engineering; the Publishing Office; the Center for the Book; the American Folklife Center; the National Capital Section, American Society of Civil Engineers; the Latrobe Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians; and the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record/Historic American Landscape Survey of the National Park Service.

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